residential facilities, adopt Lok Adalats and other alternative modes of dispute resolution such as arbitration, mediation and negotiation.

Statement

Cases Pending in the Supreme Court of India as on 30.7.97

	(Actual number of files)
Admission matters	5454
Regular matters	15101
Total:—	20555

Pendency of Cases in High Courts as on 31.12.96

Sl. No.	Name of High Court	No. of cases pending
1	Allahabad	865,455
2	Andhra Pradesh	135,621
3	Bombay	234,058
4	Calcutta	264,312
5	Delhi	153,537
6	Gauhati	33,018
7	Gujarat	139,821
8	Himachal Pradesh	17,166
9	J & K	96,414
10	Karnataka	150,965
11	Kerala	217,823
12	Madhya Pradesh	75,616
13	Madras	310,640
14	Orissa	66,820
15	Patna	93,310
16	Punjab & Haryana	161,562
17	Rajasthan*	95,496
18	Sikkim	88
	Total:—	3,111,722

*As on 30.9.1996

Three day conference on Civil Code in Goa

*187. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a three day conference on Civil Code was held in Goa in May, 1997, and

(b) the details of participants and decision arrived at the conference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) The Central Government and the Government of Goa did not hold any such conference.

(b) Does not arise.

Non-official directors on boards of RBI

*188. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of non-official directors appointed by Government on the Reserve Bank, central and local boards, board-wise;

(b) the names of present incumbents on the boards with tenure of each director, board-wise; and

(c) the number of existing vacancies of directors, board-wise and by when they are likely to be filled?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The details of the non official directors/ members in position on the Central Board of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the four local Boards of RBI, board-wise alongwith their tenures are given in the Annexure [See Appendix 18, Annexure no. 40]. At present one post of director in the Central Board and four posts of members in the Local Boards (Eastern-2, Northern-1, Southern-1) are vacant. Action has already been initiated for filling up the vacancies.

Bank Frauds Since 1990

*189. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of frauds that have taken place since liberalisation of country's economy in 1990;

(b) how much money is involved in these frauds; and

(c) what action has been taken to prevent occurrences of such frauds in future, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The information relating to number of frauds detected in public sector banks and amount involved during the years 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995 and 1996 is given below:—

Year	Number of frauds	Amount involved (Rs. in lakhs)
1990	1687	10593 + US$7500 + Uganda Shillings 1597789
1991	1559	6541
1992	1717	14449 + Fijian Dollars 1500
1993	2213	32032.43
1994	2266	20007.88 + Uganda Shillings 9844000
1995	1890	11551.12
1996	1954	31937.63

The Public Sector Banks, at the instance of Government and RBI have taken several steps from time to time for prevention of frauds. The steps include issue of comprehensive guidelines by RBI for strengthening the control mechanism in banks, review of fraud cases on a continual basis by RBI advising the banks of modus-operandi in ingenious cases alongwith required safeguards to prevent their proper training of operational personnel and investigations and scrutiny into reported cases of major frauds as well as snap inspections covering systems and procedures and control arrangements in frauds prone areas by the RBI.

Newsitem captioned FIs to Rescue 'Last Mile' Projects

*190. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "FIs to rescue 'last mile' project" published in Economic Times dated 25th June, 1997;

(b) the list of such projects, cost and time overrun, amount invested by FIs alongwith the names of Corporate Groups; and

(c) NPAs as on date, attributable to these Corporate Groups?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) has reported that all India financial institutions have evolved, over the years, a system of project monitoring to ensure that the project implementation is on agreed lines and schedules envisaged do not go awry resulting in time and cost overruns. However, generally no viable project is allowed to be abandoned or languished once taken up, since it is the objective of the institutions to see that the projects are completed, assets kept productive and funds already channalised are recovered. Problems/difficulties observed during implementation stage, which is usually the case in many mega projects, are diagnosed and appropriate measures such as revamping of projects with suitable changes in products, process, technology etc., strengthening of management, restructuring means of finance, financing genuine overrun in the project cost etc. are considered.

As regards the three projects mentioned in the news-item viz., Ispat Industries Ltd., Jindal Vijaynagar Steels